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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 5751

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TAGS: PINS, PGOV, RO
SUBJECT: DOICARU REPLACED AS MINISTER OF TOURISM

1. OFFICIAL RCP DAILY SCINTEIA AUGUST 16 CARRIES BRIEF
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT NICOLAE DOICARU HAS BEEN REPLACED AS
MINISTER OF TOURISM BY EMIL DRAGANESCU; NO ONWARD ASSIGNMENT
FOR DOICARU WAS ANNOUNCED.

2. COMMENT: DOICARU IS A LONG-TIME SENIOR PROFESSIONAL
SECURITY/INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WHO WAS TRANSFERRED FROM POSI-
TION OF FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR TO THE TOURISM
MINISTRY LAST MARCH AS PART OF A GENERAL GOVERNMENT SHAKEUP
(BUCHAREST 1481 AND 1520). HIS REMOVAL FROM MINISTER
OF TOURISM JOB AFTER ONLY FIVE MONTHS PROBABLY HAS NOTHING
TO DO WITH HIS PERFORMANCE THERE BUT RATHER IS MOST LIKELY
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LINKED TO ALLEGED DEFECTION OF SENIOR SECURITY OFFICIAL LT.
GEN. ION PACEPA, A FORMER CLOSE COLLEAGUE OF DOICARU'S.
AT THIS POINT, IT SEEMS TO US THAT EITHER DOICARU WILL
BENEFIT GREATLY FROM THE PACEPA DEFECTION SINCE IT OCCURRED
AFTER DOICARU'S REMOVAL FROM SECURITY AFFAIRS AND HE COULD
THEREFORE RESUME HIS FORMER OR SIMILAR DUTIES OR, CONVERSELY,
HE COULD BE SO TARRED BY ASSOCIATION WITH PACEPA THAT HE

WILL DISAPPEAR INTO POLITICAL OBLIVION. AT ANY EVENT, PRESENT
CHANGE IS NOT A SIMPLE "ROTATION OF CADRES."

3. POSITION OF MINISTER OF SPORTS WAS CREATED FOR THE
AILING BUT CAPABLE DRAGANESCU IN MARCH (BUCHAREST 1520)
TO KEEP HIM OFFICIALLY A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT. HE WILL
COMBINE BOTH FUNCTIONS IN HIS NEW APPOINTMENT.
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